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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority. (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 0 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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L Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed the description:pages 1-39, as originally filed
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____ the claims:pages 40-52, as originally filed
pages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages NONE, filed with the demand
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pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is: the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)). the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)). the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

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 contained in the international application in printed form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages NONE the claims, Nos. NONE the drawings, sheets/fig NONE5. This report has been drawn as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

**Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-92</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-92</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-92</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-92 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Winiger et al. in view of Shaw et al..

With respect to claims 38-92, Winiger et al. discloses "generating and storing in the first document description file a description of an operation" ("the document parts (components) are provided . . ."—abstract) "generating and storing in the first document description file a location description for the referenced document, the location description providing sufficient information to enable a program to locate and retrieve the entire contents of the reference document" ("fig. 6 discloses generating and storing of description file"--drawings) "that can be performed on the document to produce information derived from the referenced document" ("this context reference is made to local values . . ."—column 7, line 14).

Winiger et al. does not disclose "wherein the description of the location comprises a uniform resource locator", however, it is notoriously known in the art to implement a uniform resource locator for describing the location of document attributes.

Winiger et al. discloses "wherein the uniform resource locator identifies a server configured to produce the referenced document upon request" ("transfer a specific component from one document to another . . ."—column 8, line 16).

Winiger et al. discloses "wherein the uniform resource locator identifies a location at which the referenced document is stored" ("fig. 1b teaches the above limitation--drawings)

Winiger et al. discloses "a transformation of the document filed stored in a first storage format to a filed stored in a second storage format and is distinct from the file stored in the second storage format" (locally or sub-locally differing components . . ."—column 15, line 47).

Winiger et al. discloses "wherein the second document description file describes the first document description file" ("sub-components which also have properties corresponding . . ."—column 16, line 55).

Winiger et al. discloses "extraction of information from the referenced document" ("fig. 2 teaches the above limitation--drawings).

Winiger et al. does not disclose "the document represents a (Continued on Supplemental Sheet.)

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Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

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CLASSIFICATION:

The International Patent Classification (IPC) and/or the National classification are as listed below:

IPC(6): G06F 13/00, 17/21, 3/00; G06T 11/00 and US Cl.: 707/500, 513, 516, 4, 523, 525, 524, 526

I. BASIS OF REPORT:5. (Some) amendments are considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed:
NONE**V. 2. REASoNED STATEMENTS - CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS (Continued):**

multi-layered graphical object, and the information extracted from the document describes a subset of the layers of the multi-layered graphical object." Shaw et al. discloses "the document represents a multi-layered graphical object, and the information extracted from the document describes a subset of the layers of the multi-layered graphical object"("a graphics device interface having an implementation of the plurality of the graphics device interface functions . . ."—column 71, line 12). It would have been obvious at the time of the invention for one of ordinary skill in the art to have combined the teachings of Shaw "the document represents a multi-layered graphical object, and the information extracted from the document describes a subset of the layers of the multi-layered graphical object"("a graphics device interface having an implementation of the plurality of the graphics device interface functions . . ."—column 71, line 12 with the teaching of Winiger above, because using the steps of "the document represents a multi-layered graphical object, and the information extracted from the document describes a subset of the layers of the multi-layered graphical object" would have given those skilled in the art the ability to represent layered image objects of a document.

Winiger et al. discloses "wherein application-specific data comprises a name of an application that produced the document" ("fig. 4 teaches the above limitation . . ."—drawings)

With respect to claims 1-37, refer to arguments given above for claims 38-92.

Response to Applicant's arguments

With respect to applicant's arguments concerning "neither Winiger et al. nor Shaw et al. discloses generating a document description file . . .", have been fully considered but are not persuasive. Examiner contends that Winiger's teachings involving "the document parts (components) are provided with properties . . ."—abstract is illustrative of a file that describes the file's appearance or content.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

EPO 0325316 XP (WINIGER et al.) 26 JULY 1989, see columns 1-16, lines 1-60.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 707/500, 513, 516, 4, 523, 525, 524, 526

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y,P	US 5,794,234 A (CHURCH ET AL.) 11 AUGUST 1998, see entire document.	1-92
A	US 5,604,843 A (SHAW ET AL.) 18 FEBRUARY 1997	1-92

Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. See patent family annex.

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